INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: <u>Pleasant Fields</u>	Survey Number: M: 19-1
Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co	Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: <u>X</u> no <u> </u> yes Name <u> </u>	_ Date
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Criteria: XA XB XC D Considerations: AB C D	EFGNone
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and	
Pleasant Fields, consisting of an 18th and 19th-century farm complex of Neelsville, east of Route 270 in Montgomery County, is considered e the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B. and C.	and located northwest ligible for listing on
The property was historically a large farm complex which began in the land having been acquired in stages beginning in 1755 by William Voriginally served as a tobacco farm, but later became a horse farm. in the locally prominent Waters family until 1932.	7atawa Mba manasara
The farm consists of several buildings, including the farmhouse—the osite; a larger frame, drive—through corncrib; an equipment barn; a frame osmall frame sheds. The house itself was built in three distinct action is a two-story, three-bay brick structure covered with a gable 1797. The middle section, built in the mid-19th century is a somewhat two-bay brick structure with paired end chimneys. A semi—hexagonal windows is located on the first story of the facade. The most recent section, was built in the early 20th century and is a large, three-frame structure. A bracketed cornice ornaments the front gable s does pleasant Fields is eligible for listing on the National Register under Dating to the mid-to late 18th century, Pleasant Fields is illustrative history of farming (Criterion A). For almost 200 years, it was associted prominent Waters family (Criterion B). The farm complex is a cohesive an agricultural grouping, and the house provides a good example of vernacular domestic building form from the late 18th—century to the example of the National Register property should include all of well as any surrounding land included in the present ownership boundaries of the National Register property should include all of well as any surrounding land included in the present ownership boundaries.	me carriage house; and t phases. The oldest roof and erected ca. at larger, two-story, bay with round arched section, the east end bay-wide, front-gable a bracketed porch. Criteria A, B, and C. e of the county's long ated with the locally and intact example of the evolution of a arly 20th century.
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MH	T Inventory Files
Prepared by: Margaret M. Coleman, Sugarloaf Regional Trails (NR Form, 1 MHT Form, Greenhorne and O'Mara, 1994.	979); Julie Mueller ,
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:		
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	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)	
II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	eriods:	
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	Historic Function(s) and Use(s): <u>Domestic/Single Dwelling</u>	· .
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The house is a two story structure, built in three sections. The largest and newest is the frame east end. It has a three bay facade with the doorway in the west bay; the double glazed doors have a high transom light overhead. Windows are double hung sash; the frames are wide, the leads having small peaks or pediments at the center and the sills being bracketed. Across the front is a porch with square posts carrying arched brackets that support the cornice. The main building cornice is bracketed; there is a central gable on each facade.

The center section is two bays and two stories, with double chimneys on the east end. The west bay is a semi-hexagonal bay with round arched windows; the roof of the bay was once balustraded and the window above opened as a door to the balcony. The other windows have the same treatment as those of the frame section. The eaves and raking cornice are bracketed; the brackets being paired; there is an applied board frieze below the eaves.

The west end is a lower, two story, brick section with a three bay facade. The central doorway has a small transom light and the windows are double hung sash with plain surrounds. At the west end there is a flush gable chimney. The porch across the facade has square posts with arched brackets supporting the cornice. The main roof cornice is plain, with an applied board frieze.

The building has a stone foundation. On the west end there are two brick, shed-like structures attached.

West of the house are a frame bankbarn, a shed, and a double corncrib.1

The main house is a fine example of the lifestyles of three eras. The earliest section was built by Basil Waters, probably in 1797, the date of his marriage, and his resurvey of his inherited land. Basil developed Pleasant Fields into a tobacco plantation. He owned many slaves -- essential to successful tobacco farming -- and built them a house only slightly smaller than his own. 3

The second section of the main house dates from the mid-1800s. Dr. William A. Waters, nephew of Basil, built this addition. William was a country doctor; he grew wheat at Pleasant Fields. The significance of William's addition is that the home was converted from a cramped, $1\frac{1}{2}$ story cottage to a 2 story farmhouse of moderate size. There seemed to be more money in practicing medicine than in growing tobacco.

The third section and gingerbread trim were added by Charles Clark Waters, William's son, about 1900. This section appears to be as large as the first two combined, and shows the opulence possible in the period before income tax. Charles raised race horses and installed a track at the farm; he grew corn and hay in the fields. He built an ice house and pond a few yards northwest of his house, and dug a trench from a spring near the main road, a distance of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, showing the innovative tendencies of the period. The house has a circular staircase at the east end.

(See Attachment Sheet A)

Attachment Sheet A

Footnotes

- 1. The preceding condition and description were supplied by Michael Dwyer, Historian, M-NCPPC.
- 2. Prince George's Parish Records, located in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, list the marriage of Basil and Anne Waters as March 19, 1797.
- 3. Basil Water's Will, located in the Montgomery County records, Rockville; Y-338, filed, 1836. Information concerning the slave's house, found in the handwritten manuscript written by the daughter of Charles Clark Waters who was born in the house, and grew up there, Maria E. L. Waters. "How Dear to My Heart," owned by Mrs. Marian Waters Jacobs, Washington Grove, Md: written in 1965.
- 4. Montgomery County Land Record, EBP 27/471 and EBP 27/473. William A. Waters Buys Pleasant Fields from the widow of his cousin, Zachariah, 1883.
- 5. Maria Waters, "How Dear to My Heart." Handwritten manuscript owned by Miss Water's niece, Mrs. Marian Jacobs, Washington Grove; 1965.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two houses and barn to be considered are adjacent to the proposed North Germantown Greenbelt Park. Protection of these buildings could be extremely valuable to the preservation of our heritage as well as add substantial attractiveness to the park.

From 1755 to 1932 Pleasant Fields was owned by the Waters family. Three generations of Waterses farmed the land. The main house reflects its comfortably wealthy 18th and 19th century owners. According to the memoirs of a Waters descendant who grew up there, the adjacent $1\frac{1}{2}$ story, red, wooden house was the original slave quarters. The barn is one of three built in the early 20th century.

William Waters began buying the land of Pleasant Fields in 1755. 4 By 1759 William owned }1 acres, which he named Conclusion, incorporating grants with fanciful names -- for example, Molls Rattle, Sarah Love, and Panthers Range. 5 William did not live at Conclusion however, but on his northeastern Montgomery County estate, Belmont. 6

Basil Waters, the son of William, inherited Conclusion, resurveyed it, and named it Pleasant Fields. Basil married Anne Pottinger Magruder, daughter of Col. Zadok Magruder, and grandaughter of Ninian Beall, a large landholder who came to America from Scotland, and who founded the Presbyterian Church in Maryland.

Basil probably built the first section of the house at Pleasant Fields and the adjacent house for his slaves in 1797, the date of his marriage to Anne. The smaller house remains also, and is very similar to the house Basil built for his own family. Many local black residents believe themselves descendants of the slaves Basil owned and named in his will: George, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Clair, Charlotte, Jack, Caroline, Mariah, Horace, Nelson, Harriet, Gubo, Prifo, Ellen, Otho, Mary Ann, Eliza, Kitty, Louisa and Bill. 10

Basil's son, Zachariah, inherited Pleasant Fields.11 Zachariah's widow, Eliza, sold the property to William Alexander Waters, Basil's nephew, in 1883.12 William was a physician who practiced medicine in Clarksburg. His wife was Mary Willson, grandaughter of John Clarke, founder of Clarksburg.13 William built the second section of the house, and converted the former slave quarters to a carriage house. He loved Pleasant Fields; and is buried on the farm, carried to his grave by the men who worked

Charles Clark Waters, the son of William and Mary, inherited the estate, and built e third addition to the main house. His interests were hunting and fishing, and also raising fine horses; he put in a half-mile race tract at Pleasant Fields. 15 He built three enormous barns, forming three-fourths of a great square around the barnyard, an arrangement which the protection for the case of the built twenty box stalls in

(See Attachment Sheet B)

row, and a big corn house with two wagon sheds attached. He added a large carriage house for me winter closed carriage, the basket sleigh, and the surrey and open carriage for summer use.16

Charles lived a princely life, sparing no expense for his own comfort and hobbies. He surrounded his house with the stylish elegance of the Victorian era, seen in the house trim. But Charles was the last Waters to own Pleasant Fields. He and his son, William, shifted from raising horses to selling cars in the 1920s; they bought the Buick agency in Gaithersburg, and lost it, as well as the ancestral home, in the Great Depression of the 1930s. Pleasant Fields was sold at a public auction.17

After nearly 200 years of ownership by the Waters family, the estate was sold at a sheriff's sale to Harry Hoskinson on April 6, 1932. Hoskinson was a large landowner and farmer in the area. He did not live at Pleasant Fields, but on the adjacent farm.

Eric A. Johnston, a nationally prominent newscaster, bought the houses and barn from Hoskinson's heirs in 1951. 19 He did not live at Pleasant Fields, but used the estate for rest and relaxation, indicating excellent maintainance of the property during the period 1951-1965, slightly more than a decade ago.

In 1965 Pleasant Fields was subdivided, and is now owned by eight firms. ²⁰ The buildings nominated belong to Milestone Properties, and are used for storage purposes. The land is actively farmed for cattle raising, and the barn is used by the farmer for hay storage, animal care, etc.

Although the Waters family no longer lives at Pleasant Fields, the two great-grand-aughters of William and Mary continue to tend the old graves.

M-NCPPC plans to buy part of this farm, including property 50 feet south of the barn. The main house is approximately 100 feet west of the barn; the smaller house is about 100 feet east of the barn. Aside from the designated park, the remainder of Pleasant Fields is zoned for single family houses, indicating future owners who would be attracted by an historic landmark on the property.

The significance of preserving the two houses and barn on the edge of a proposed park is to retain a part of their past for Upper Montgomery County residents. The buildings originated in the late 18th century as part of a tobacco plantation dependent on slaves. A country doctor of the 19th century continued the farming operation. In the early 20th century, before income taxes, the third section and trim were added, signifying the relative wealth of that period. After nearly 200 years of ownership, the Waters family lost the property in the Great Depression. A prominent person used the home as a retreat in the mid-20th century, indicating the charm and desirability of the landmark. Preserving these historical buildings would grace the adjacent park, and add appreciably to the preservation of heritage in Upper Montgomery County.

Footnotes

- 1. Germantown Masterplan; M-NCPPC, Rockville, Md., January, 1974.
- 2. Owners of Pleasant Fields include:

William Waters, -1797. Frederick County Land Records, E/709-711. Basil Waters and heir, Zachariah Waters, 1797-1883. Annapolis, Hall of Records, Unpatented Certificate of Survey #205; also see BC & GS #43/524. Dr. William Alexander Waters, Basil's nephew, and William's heir, Charles Clark Waters, 1883-1932. Montgomery County Land Records EBP 27/471 and 473. Harry Hoskinson, 1932-1951. 538/273. Eric A. Johnston, 1951-1965. 1523/594. Milestone Properties, Inc., 1965 - . 3435/316.

- 3. Maria Waters, "How Dear to My Heart." Handwritten manuscript owned by Miss Water's niece, Mrs. Marian Jacobs, Washington Grove; 1965.
 Frederick County Land Record <u>Liber</u> E, <u>Folio</u> 709-711. W. Waters buys Poplar Spring; 1755.
- 4.
- Frederick County Patented Certificate of Survey #918. W. Waters' Conclusion; 1759. 5.
- 6. Roger Brooke Farquhar. Historical Montgomery County, Maryland, Old Homes and History. Baltimore: Monumental Printing Company, 1952.
- 7. See Footnote 2 above.
- 8. Edith Worley Beatty, The Waters Book. No publisher nor date listed; p. 84. Book belongs to Mrs. Marian Waters Jacobs, Washington Grove, Md.
- Prince George's Parish Records note the marriage of Basil and Anne Waters, 1797. 9.
- 10. Montgomery County Wills, Y/338, 1836. Basil Water's will.
- 11. Ibid.
- 12. See Footnote 2 above.
- 13. T.H.S. Boyd, History of Montgomery County, Maryland, Clarksburg; 1879; p. 100-101.
- 14. Wills, HCA 4/471, 1907. Dr. William Water's will. Maria Waters describes his love for the farm and his burial in her manuscript.
- 15. Portrait and Biographical Record, 1898; p. 860.
- 16. Waters, "How Dear to My Heart."
- 17. See Footnote 2 above.
- 18. lbid.
- Who's Who in America. 1958-1959. 19.

20. Liber 3435, Folio 316 lists owners of Pleasant Fields; November 10, 1965:
Milestone and Berk, Inc;
David Milestone Inc;
Bradmoor Corp;
Green Tree Corp;
Cadillac Realty Corp;
J. C. Duffy Inc;
Huntington Builders Inc;
Cameo Builders Inc.

21. Germantown Masterplan. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1974.

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Dwyer, Michael. Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission; April 6, '77. Jacobs. Marian Waters. Washington Grove. Md. Spring, 1977. CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Cemetery, two houses and outbuildings off Waters Road at Route 355 between Neelsville and Clarksburg

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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COUNTY

III FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Margaret Marshall Coleman

Volunteer DATE ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails 1977-78 TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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The center section is two bays and two stories, with double chimneys on the east end. The west bay is a semi-hexagonal bay with round arched windows; the roof of the bay was once balustraded and the window above opened as a door to the balcony. The other windows have the same treatment as those of the frame section. The eaves and raking cornice are bracketed, the brackets being paired; there is an applied board frieze below the eaves.

The west end is a lower, two story, brick section with a three bay facade. The central doorway has a small transom light and the windows are double hung sash with plain surrounds. At the west end there is a flush gable chimney. The porch across the facade has square posts with arched brackets supporting the cornice. The main roof cornice is plain, with an applied board frieze.

The building has a stone foundation. On the west end there are two brick; shed-like structures attached.

West of the house are a frame bankbarn, a shed, and a double corncrib.

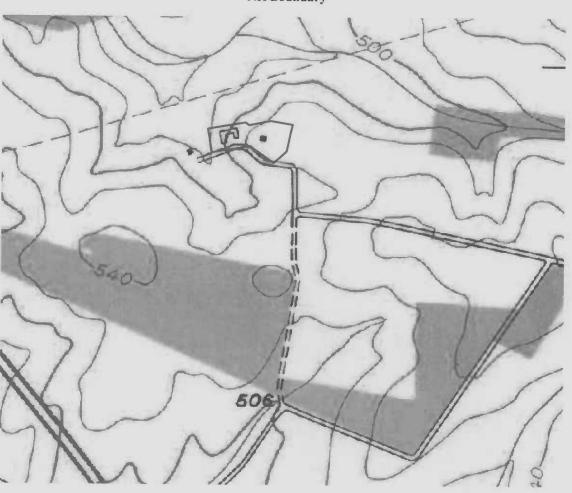
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